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In re Application of)
Eddy Van Beek) Group Art Unit: Unknown
Serial No. 09/753,381)
Filed: January 2, 2001)
For: METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE)
ACTIVITIES OF ENZYMES)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application for United States Letters Patent,
kindly enter the following amendment relative to examination of the present application.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Below the title of the application, kindly insert the following priority claim as a
separate paragraph prior to the paragraph identified as the background of invention:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No.
60/173,945, filed December 30, 1999.